



# Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

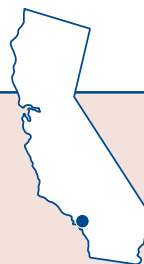
## *Signal Hill, CA*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of Signal Hill was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. This small city, with a population of 10,284, includes an oil field that has been active since 1921. Approximately 164 acres of brownfields are scattered throughout the city, most of which are related to the oil field and oil production. Cleanup of the first petroleum-contaminated property is expected to provide needed low-income housing units under the second phase of a Brownfields Assessment Pilot Grant awarded in 2000. Cleanup of the second petroleum-contaminated property is expected to allow the relocation of a concrete batch plant to an industrial setting. Cleanup of the hazardous substances-contaminated properties is expected to allow commercial development and provide new jobs.



### Assessment Grant

**New  
2004**

\$200,000 for hazardous substances  
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Signal Hill for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform assessments on a 3.7-acre former hazardous substances recycling facility, and a concrete facility. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform assessments on two properties: 1.5 acres currently designated for low-income housing, and a 3.7-acre property that contains one active and 28 abandoned oil wells. Funds from both grants also will be used for cleanup planning and community involvement.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.